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USE OF UREA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian farmers have been using an overdose of the controlled urea to severe imbalance in soil contents;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of fresh initiatives taken/proposed to rectify the imbalance?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): The All India average Nitrogen : Phosphorous : Potassium (N:P:K) ratio during 2004-05 is estimated at 5.9 : 2.3 :1 and is skewed in favour of Nitrogen.

(c): The Government is promoting Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) which includes soil test based balanced and judicious use of chemical fertilizers in conjunction with organic fertilizers like Farm Yard Manure, green manure, compost, vermicompost and biofertilizers etc.